

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR'S SECTION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen James, LaMarr Franklin, Susan Putra, Sue Kell

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Peter Fabian, MFT Section; Cary Backenger, New
Wellness Associates

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen James called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to approve the
agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2000

MOTION: Sue Kell moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to approve the
Minutes of May 11, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings discussed the Ethics Board Opinion regarding Board members and expert witness testimony. The Secretary reported the Department is building its budget and trying to stay within the parameters that have been set. The next Mental Health Practitioners meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2000.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION

CURTIS PETERSON, CPC

Attorney Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning Curtis Peterson. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES
AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

This item was informational.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RULE CHANGE REGARDING SUPERVISION

Peter Fabian of the MFT Section, expressed the opinion that MFT's are capable of supervising PC's during their required post-masters or post-doctorate supervised hours. The PC Section is considering eliminating SFC 12.02(2)(d), however no decision was reached at this time, and this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

REVIEW OF RULES RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR TRAINING CERTIFICATE (PCTC)

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to start the rule making process to clarify that an individual is eligible for a PCTC only while accruing the required supervised hours. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Sue Kell moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of a personal appearance to request a termination of suspension, deliberation of a proposed stipulation, consideration of a request for extension of time to complete education, reviewing applications, reviewing case status reports and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Colleen James – yes, LaMarr Franklin – yes, Sue Kell – yes, Susan Putra – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:06 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened by consensus at 1:02 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEWS

WENDY YURK

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve Wendy Yurk for certification upon her successful completion of the jurisprudence examination. Motion carried unanimously.

ANN MARIE BAUS

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve Ann Marie Baus for certification upon successful completion of the National Counselors Examination. Motion carried unanimously.

LEAH R BURROWS

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to deny certification to Leah R. Burrows, as her degree is in nursing and is not substantially equivalent to a masters degree in counseling. Motion carried unanimously.

SANDRA DEE HACK

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve Sandra Dee Hack for certification upon successful completion of the National Counselors Examination. Motion carried unanimously.

MARTHA JACKSON OPPENEER

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to deny certification to Martha Jackson Oppeneer, as her degree is not substantially equivalent to a masters degree in counseling. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

CARY BACKENGER, CPC

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to lift the suspension of Cary Backenger, CPC, with the following conditions: 1) practice is limited for two years to females only, 2) Ms. Backenger must complete at least 12 CE hours in boundaries and ethics over the next two years, 3) supervision is to continue for two years, 4) quarterly supervisory reports are required to be sent to the department monitor, and 5) continued psychotherapy with the frequency and duration as determined by the therapist, with a discharge summary from the therapist to be sent to the department monitor. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE STATUS REPORT

There were no cases to close. Attorney Jack Zwieg updated the Section on the status of open cases.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE EDUCATION

MARY HERSHBERGER, CPC

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by Sue Kell, to suspend the certification of Mary Hershberger, CPC, until Ms. Hershberger complies with the order. Courses must be pre-approved by the Section. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED STIPULATION

CURTIS PETERSON, CPC

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by Sue Kell, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Order in the matter concerning Curtis Peterson, CPC. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSULTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

CORRESPONDENCE FROM JAMES SCHUMACHER

The Section has no jurisdiction over the workplace physical environment, and advises Mr. Schumacher to make use of the provided conference rooms.

2001 MEETING DATES

The PC Section meeting dates for 2001 will be January 25, March 29, May 17, July 11 and September 29. The SWMFTPC Board meetings were scheduled for January 25, April 26, July 11 and October 24.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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